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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Please find attached a summary of a telephonic interview in the above-captioned patent application.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert Frantz", enclosed between two large diagonal slashes.

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Interview Summary

A telephone interview was held between the Examiner and the Applicant's Agent Robert Frantz, on March 27, 2008, at the Applicant's request.

Mr. Frantz opened the interview by explaining the main objectives of the amendment:

- (1) reduce claim count to a single claim to promote allowance of the case in the next Office Action, with a reserved option by the Applicant to file cancelled claims in a continuation application;
- (2) to add specificity in the claim that the claimed "role" is a role of a *user* in an *organization*, such as a manager, sales person, technical support, quality control, etc., instead of a role of the networked device (e.g. client, server, proxy, etc.).
- (3) to add specificity in the claim that the user's role definition file is stored on the networked client device, not at a server, where the user can modify it;
- (4) to require the configuration of the user's role definition file into an LDAP directory so that a configuration management system can monitor its status; and
- (5) to claim functionality that, upon detection of a user's change of his or her role definition file, the invention reevaluates the software requirements of the user, installs needed software packages on the device, uninstalls software packages which are no longer needed, and recovers uninstalled software licenses for re-use by a license management system for other users of other devices.

These aspects of our invention, and now of our claims, impart an "on-demand" functionality in which a user can change his or her role definition as needed over time, and automated configuration management and license management systems will automatically reconfigure his or her device's software configuration per the updated role of the user.

The Examiner agreed that the changes would overcome the art of record, and probably would render the claim allowable, pending an updated search.

The Examiner proposed an Examiner's amendment to Claim 1 where "the status" is recited, to replace this phrase with just "~~the~~ status". Applicant's Agent agree to this change.

We wish to thank the Examiner for such a quick response to our request for an interview, and for his helpful suggestions during the interview. We stand by to make any other changes or revisions as necessary to place this application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully,

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